

Industrial Latex

350 Mount Pleasant Avenue Wallington Borough Bergen County

BLOCK: 70 LOT: 80

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SITE DESCRIPTION/RESOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

Industrial Latex manufactured chemical adhesives and natural and synthetic rubber compounds at this facility between 1951 and 1980. Poor operational procedures and on-site waste disposal practices resulted in widespread areas of surface and subsurface soil contamination. The company also allegedly disposed of chemical wastes in the plant's septic systems. An inspection by NJDEP in 1983 revealed approximately 1,600 drums of chemical wastes were being stored on the property and some of the drums were open or leaking. USEPA removed approximately 100,000 gallons of hazardous liquid wastes, 16,000 gallons of PCB contaminated wastes, 1,400 drums and 22 underground storage tanks from the site between 1986 and 1987. In 1988, USEPA began a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) to delineate the contamination in the soil and ground water and evaluate remedial alternatives. The site was added to the National Priorities List of Superfund sites in 1989. In 1992, after completing the investigation of the site structures and soils, USEPA issued a Record of Decision (ROD) that required the following: 1) demolition and off-site disposal of the buildings and chemical vats; 2) excavation and disposal of approximately 600 buried drums, and 3) on-site treatment of PCB-contaminated soils using low temperature thermal desorption. NJDEP subsequently concurred with the ROD. USEPA completed demolition of the buildings and other on-site structures in 1995 and completed excavation and treatment of the contaminated soil in 2000. Approximately 53,000 cubic yards of soil were treated and backfilled on site during the remedial action. USEPA completed the RI/FS for ground water in 2000. The RI/FS revealed that no site-related contaminants were present at levels exceeding New Jersey Drinking Water Standards. USEPA concluded the ground water did not pose an unacceptable threat to human health or the environment and issued a ROD in 2001 that stipulated no further action to address ground water at the site. USEPA plans to propose deletion of this site from the NPL.